

GEOPOLITICAL ENTITIES AND CODES (GEC)  
(FORMERLY FIPS PUB 10-4)

Update 14

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- Note:* Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 10-4 (FIPS PUB 10-4) was withdrawn by the Department of Commerce on September 2, 2008. The coding system based on FIPS 10-4 is being maintained by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) during the transition to the Geopolitical Entities, Names, and Codes (GENC) country code standard. In April 2010 a Geopolitical Entities and Codes (GEC) (Formerly FIPS PUB 10-4) recompilation was published on the GEOnet Names Server (<http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/index.html>). The present document is the fourteenth GEC update of information deriving from results of quarterly US BGN Foreign Names Committee (FNC) meetings. Where applicable, the specific FNC meeting at which a name change was approved is noted parenthetically following each country name.

*Special notes:*

- 1. Prior to Update 12 the entire content of the GEC (as updated) was usually published in association with each update. However, this practice was introducing unintentional errors into the GEC documentation. Due to this fact and the availability of the GEC Registry at the NSG Registry (<https://nsgreg.nga.mil/genc/registers.jsp?register=GEC>), the associated entire GEC content will no longer be published in association with the updates.*
- 2. Administrative division class terms and their English translations have not been consistently included in the update documents, in part because the information was provided in the associated GEC content. Because the entire GEC content is no longer being provided, extra care will be given to providing administrative division class information.*
- 3. Please read all footnotes associated with the entries. Many of the changes listed are being provided in order to correct past errors and allow for a consistent tracking of changes throughout the history of FIPS 10-4 and GEC*

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**BELARUS** (FNC 377)

*Change:*

BO06	Mahilyowskaya Voblasts’ [Belarusian] / Mogilevskaya Oblast’ [Russian]	to	BO06	Mahilyowskaya Voblasts’ [Belarusian] / Mogilëvskaya Oblast’ [Russian]
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**CAPE VERDE** (approved by e-mail vote 9 Dec. 2013)

*Change country name:*

CV	CAPE VERDE	to	CV	CABO VERDE
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**CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE)** (FNC 377)

*Add:*

*département (department)*

CF15 Pointe-Noire

*Change:*

<i>commune</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>département (department)</i>
CF12 Brazzaville	to	CF12 Brazzaville

<i>région (region)</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>département (department)</i>
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CF01	Bouenza	to	CF01	Bouenza
CF13	Cuvette	to	CF13	Cuvette
CF14	Cuvette-Ouest	to	CF14	Cuvette-Ouest
CF04	Kouilou	to	CF04	Kouilou
CF05	Lékoumou	to	CF05	Lékoumou
CF06	Likouala	to	CF06	Likouala
CF07	Niari	to	CF07	Niari
CF08	Plateaux	to	CF08	Plateaux
CF11	Pool	to	CF11	Pool
CF10	Sangha	to	CF10	Sangha

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*Change:*

<i>freie und hansestadt (municipality)</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>land (state)</i>
GM04 Hamburg	to	GM04 Hamburg
<i>freistaat (free state)</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>land (state)</i>
GM02 Bayern	to	GM02 Bayern
GM13 Sachsen	to	GM13 Sachsen
GM15 Thüringen	to	GM15 Thüringen

**KYRGYZSTAN** (FNC 377)

*Add:*

*shaar [Kirghiz] / gorod [Russian] (city)*  
KG10 Osh [Kirghiz, Russian]

*Change:*

<i>shaar [Kirghiz] / gorod [Russian] (city)</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>shaar [Kirghiz] / gorod [Russian] (city)</i>
KG01 Bishkek [Kirghiz] / Bishkek, Gorod [Russian]	to	KG01 Bishkek [Kirghiz, Russian]
<i>oblast [Kirghiz] / oblast' [Russian]</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>oblus [Kirghiz] / oblast' [Russian]</i>
KG09 Batken [Kirghiz] / Batkenskaya Oblast' [Russian]	to	KG09 Batken [Kirghiz] / Batkenskaya Oblast' [Russian]
KG02 Chüy [Kirghiz] / Chuyskaya Oblast' [Russian]	to	KG02 Chüy [Kirghiz] / Chuyskaya Oblast' [Russian]
KG03 Jalal-Abad [Kirghiz] / Dzhalal-Abadskaya Oblast' [Russian]	to	KG03 Jalal-Abad [Kirghiz] / Dzhalal-Abadskaya Oblast' [Russian]
KG04 Naryn [Kirghiz] / Narynskaya Oblast' [Russian]	to	KG04 Naryn [Kirghiz] / Narynskaya Oblast' [Russian]
KG08 Osh [Kirghiz] / Oshskaya Oblast' [Russian]	to	KG08 Osh [Kirghiz] / Oshskaya Oblast' [Russian]
KG06 Talas [Kirghiz] / Talasskaya Oblast' [Russian]	to	KG06 Talas [Kirghiz] / Talasskaya Oblast' [Russian]

<sup>1</sup> **Germany:** the current principal administrative division generic (descriptive) terms are correct, but for general categorization purposes, even the German Government refers to all of its principal administrative divisions as 'Länder' (states) (see <http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/en/federal-states.html>).

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KG07 Ysyk-Köl [Kirghiz] /  
Issyk-Kul'skaya Oblast' [Russian] to

KG07 Ysyk-Köl [Kirghiz] /  
Issyk-Kul'skaya Oblast' [Russian]

**NAMIBIA** (FNC 377)

*Delete:*

WA34 Okavango

*Add:*

*region*

WA40 Kavango East

WA41 Kavango West

*Change:*

*district*

WA28 Caprivi

WA29 Erongo

WA30 Hardap

WA31 Karas

WA21 Khomas

WA32 Kunene

WA33 Ohangwena

WA35 Omaheke

WA36 Omusati

WA37 Oshana

WA38 Oshikoto

WA39 Otjozondjupa

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*region*

WA28 Zambezi

WA29 Erongo

WA30 Hardap

WA31 //Karas

WA21 Khomas

WA32 Kunene

WA33 Ohangwena

WA35 Omaheke

WA36 Omusati

WA37 Oshana

WA38 Oshikoto

WA39 Otjozondjupa

**NIGER** (FNC 377)

*Change:*

*département (department)*

NG01 Agadez

NG02 Diffa

NG03 Dosso

NG04 Maradi

NG06 Tahoua

NG09 Tillabéri

NG07 Zinder

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*to*

*région (region)*

NG01 Agadez

NG02 Diffa

NG03 Dosso

NG04 Maradi

NG06 Tahoua

NG09 Tillabéri

NG07 Zinder

**NIGERIA** (FNC 377)

*Change:*

NI56 Nassarawa

*to*

NI56 Nasarawa

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**SOUTH AFRICA** (FNC 377)

*Change:*

SF10 North-West	to	SF10 North West
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**SPAIN** (FNC 377)<sup>2</sup>

*Change:*

SP56 Cataluña	to	SP56 Catalonha [Aranese] / Catalunya [Catalan] / Cataluña [Spanish]
SP58 Galicia	to	SP58 Galicia [Galician, Spanish]
SP07 Islas Baleares	to	SP07 Illes Balears [Catalan, Spanish]
SP59 País Vasco	to	SP59 Euskadi [Basque] / País Vasco [Spanish]
SP60 Valenciana	to	SP60 Valenciana, Comunidad [Spanish] / Valenciana, Comunitat [Valencian]

<i>comunidad (community)</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>comunidad autónoma</i> <i>(autonomous community)</i>
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SP29 Madrid	to	SP29 Madrid
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<i>comunidad foral (statutory community)</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>comunidad autónoma</i> <i>(autonomous community)</i>
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SP32 Navarra	to	SP32 Nafarroa [Basque] / Navarra [Spanish]
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<sup>2</sup> **Spain:** Similar to Germany, the GEC is now going to treat the principal administrative division generic (descriptive) terms in a more general sense. It is appropriate to use the term *comunidad autónoma (autonomous community)* to identify 17 of the primary administrative divisions for general categorization purposes. In the specific names of the autonomous communities, especially in the official and co-official regional languages, other generic terms may be encountered.